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## OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6408

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR BY MINORS.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill narrows the scope of the law that requires anyone who possesses or controls private property, including a dwelling unit, to make reasonable efforts to prevent a minor (person under age 21) from illegally possessing alcohol in the unit or on the property. It explicitly requires the person to know about the illegal possession. Under current law, it is unclear whether the person must know about the possession.

By law, unchanged by the bill, it is also a violation if the person knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence permits a minor to possess alcohol illegally in the unit or on the property.

By law, violators are guilty of a class A misdemeanor (punishable by up to one year imprisonment, up to a \$2,000 fine, or both).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18      Nay 0      (03/12/2013)